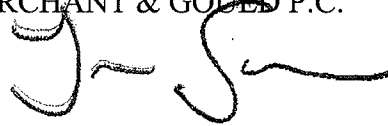


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed February 6, 2009 has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully reviewed. Original Claims 1-6, 9, 12-18, 20 and 22-23 (to be renumbered respectively 1-17 as indicated in Office Action mailed January 16, 2009), are pending. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. In response, Claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter has been added. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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